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RE: Ennis Creek Spills

Two spills have occurred in the last couple of days which require reporting.

The first spill occurred on Sunday, February 21, at approximately 9:30 AM. After investigation, the cause of the spill was discovered. The #5 pulpmill pumping station pump was not pumping due to being airlocked. With this pump airlocked, water backed up underneath the machine and finishing rooms and flooded over into Ennis Creek. The duration of the spill was approximately one hour before the pumping was corrected and the level dropped to the point that the overflow to the creek stopped. Estimation is that approximately 1000 gallons was spilled into Ennis Creek. The pump problem was traced down further to a vent line for the pump. The problem was immediately corrected and the other pumps at the pulpmill pumping station were checked and all discrepancies corrected.

The second spill occurred during maintenance on the beater sump Wednesday, February 24, at approximately noon. During the clearing and cleaning of the beater sump, a small portion of material was removed from the sump and found its way from under the building and into Ennis Creek. As soon as this was discovered, the maintenance work was stopped and efforts to stop the spill began. Estimated amount of material spilled into Ennis Creek was less than 50 gallons. Procedures are in place to prevent future spills such as this.

No impact was seen to Ennis Creek for either of the spills.

If you should need further information, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

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